

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of) Examiner: Sarah K. Webb
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Donald K. Jones et al.) Art Unit: 3731
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Serial No. 10/691,846) Confirmation No.: 6702
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For: SELF-EXPANDING STENT AND)
STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR)
TREATMENT OF VASCULAR DISEASE))

**REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION FOLLOWING THIRD REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the first Official Office Action Following Third Request for Continued Examination (RCE) , mailed September 29, 2006, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

The Claims appear at pages 2-4.

The Remarks appear at pages 5-10.